

Co-Ed Union Holds Fete

Christmas Dance To Be Presented At RVC Friday

The Women's Union's first dance of the season a Christmas Dance to be presented this Friday in Royal Victoria College, will feature Don Cameron with his 12 piece orchestra. Tickets for the dance may be obtained from class executives, or from a booth which will be open in the Women's Common Room of the Arts Building on Wednesday and Friday of this week. Tickets will not be sold at the door on Friday night, the dance committee announced at their meeting last night. The committee requested that all students who are interested in assisting the decoration committee with the decorating on Thursday and Friday enroll on the lists provided for this purpose in the Royal Victoria College and Arts Building Common Rooms.

A Bathing Beauty Contest with narration by Barbara Whitley is the main event on the floor show program, the committee in charge of this section announced, and they added that there is the possibility of selecting a soloist for the event. Decorations have been decided upon definitely, and these will be in the yuletide fashion, with Christmas trees, holly, streamers and fir boughs playing a leading role, the decoration committee reported.

The Upper Gym of the college will be used for dancing, while the lower gym will be used as a game room, the committee further reported and the Common Room and Arts Room will serve as sitting-out rooms.

The dance is the first co-ed event of the year, and is sponsored entirely by the Women's Union under the patronage of Dr. Muriel V. Roscoe. Faculty guests will be in attendance.

"HOUSING, CANADA'S PROBLEM"

Professor Frederick Lasseure, of the School of Architecture, will discuss "Housing, Canada's Problem," before the Home Ownership Study Group of the Young Men's Section, Montreal Board of Trade, at 8 p.m. in the Board of Trade Building today.

Winners Awarded Nobel Prize

Wartime Conditions Precipitate U.S. Presentation

The Nobel prizes, usually given in Stockholm by Sweden's King, were presented to the winners in the grand ballroom of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York on Sunday. The prizes were awarded in the United States for the first time due to wartime travelling conditions. Both President Roosevelt and King Gustav V of Sweden joined in expressing the hope that scientists would again benefit mankind with their contributions. The presentations were made by the Swedish Minister, Wollmar F. Bostrom. Five American citizens and one Dane received prizes totalling \$120,000.

For the sixth year there was no presentation of a peace prize. The presentation luncheon brought together diplomats, public officials

Around the Globe

Montreal—Houde elected Mayor last night.

Western Europe—United States 1st Army pushes across Roer, while 7th Army seizes Haguenau, greatest base left to Germans in France. . . Allied bombers drop 6,000 tons of bombs on Frankfurt.

Eastern Front—Red Army captures two towns northeast of Budapest as Nazis throw all possible men and materials into defence of Hungarian capital.

Greece—Guerrilla forces agree to withdraw from Athens and department of Attica as certainty of losing armed flight against Papandreu and British forces grows apparent.

Players' Club Meets Today For Debate on Conference

The Players' Club will meet this afternoon at 5 to discuss the Club's position in the proposed Inter-University conference on "Reconstruction and the Post-War World." The meeting will be held in the Club's office in the Union. The meeting has been called as a result of the request of the Students' Executive Council's Committee that the various campus clubs meet to discuss the topic of the conference.

Members will be elected to represent the Club, and the members' views on the subject will be heard. The Executive wishes to emphasize the fact that every member should attend.

Rev. Dr. Cody Shows Failures Of Democracies

Solve Wealth Problems By Social Legislation Is Solution Advocated

Toronto, Dec. 11. — (CUP) — The democratic solution for the wealth problem in Canada is to find some method other than individualism to return to the people a part of the national income, stated Rev. Dr. Cody in an address recently.

"However," continued Dr. Cody, "we must be thankful for that individualism we have, individualism in the sense that we have freedom, the freedom to free ourselves from the overpowering tyranny which has besieged most of Europe today. Otherwise, individualism has failed to a great extent."

The system in which we live is one of rugged individualism, he said, one where it is considered democratic if man rises from a lowly position and achieves great things in business and finance. But democracy is here only when the great men of learning take time off to enjoy the fruits of their labors, go back to the farm and to the fishing village.

The problem is one of education one of economic organization, Dr. Cody continued, designed to meet the needs of the people where they are, and as they are. Unionism is one answer, an easy one, an elementary one. The Unionists, however, stated the speaker, only touch one phase of the economic process, what the individual worker gets out of the deal. They do not touch the life of the community. Here, individualism fails lamentably.

There is also the co-operative plan, the speaker said. The complex structure of modern capitalism is based on the most elementary economic principle.

Honor Late Sir A. Currie At Christ Church Service

The late Sir Arthur Currie, former Chancellor of the University, and Commander of the Canadian Corps in the Great War, was honored at a memorial service in Christ Church on Sunday.

Rev. Gilbert Oliver, M.C., preaching at the service, said, "We remember such a man tonight, who became a real partner in the realm of battle, and in the time of peace. He had gifts; he used them," he continued, "and when I think of the personnel of the Legion branch which is proud to bear his name, I realize that many, almost all, have gifts which when used for the common good, could and should be of great service to the country and Empire."

Campaign Nets \$1,300

Toronto Drive Held Amid Parade, Beauty Contest

Toronto, Dec. 11. — (CUP) — Aided by an array of events which included street-dancing, a float parade, and a beauty contest, the annual War Services Campaign held recently at Toronto University, netted a sum of approximately \$1,300 for the Salvation Army and the Red Cross. In spite of an early morning rain, co-ed taggers were out at 8:30 a.m. stationed at vantage points throughout the campus.

The entertainments commenced at noon with the parade, which was preceded by the C.O.T.C. band, and which was described as displaying "all the flourish of a Mardi Gras, making the vaunted Santa Claus Parade look pallid in contrast." The float which was judged best was that from Knox College, the Theological Institution. It consisted of a hearse, on the top of which was a recumbent form surrounded by empty bottles, and labelled "The Fortieth Bier." The archangel, labelled "A Still Presbyterian," trumpeted his warning to the four corners of the campus. Another float depicted a patient in a dental office writhing in agony, though at the same time seriously honoring the 100th anniversary of the discovery of anaesthesia by Dr. H. Wells.

Another feature of the day's proceedings was the choosing of the best-dressed individual in attendance. The prize, a necktie of "chaste pattern," went to a gentleman from Victoria College, "because he wasn't wearing a sweater." Fully clad in red flannels, a price tag, and a pair of buck teeth, the winner was acclaimed the most eye-stopping spectacle on parade. Almost equally startling was a Dent who came with his tools strung on his belt, equally prepared to attack a patient or a leaky faucet.

The climax of the drive was the judging of the relative beauty of 21 co-eds. The winner of the title "Typical Co-ed," a first year Pass Arts student, was chosen by a unanimous decision of the judges "without benefit of tape-measure."

English Prisons Topic of Talk

Reform Over Custody Advocated By Edmison To Queen's Alumni

"British conception of penal institutions is reformative rather than custodial," stated Maj. J. Alex. Edmison, K.C., at an address to the General Alumni Association of Queen's University held recently in The Ritz Carlton Hotel. His topic was English Prisons and he declared that he found the penal methods in England to be the most progressive in the world, and was greatly impressed by the administration and personnel of those systems.

He verified these statements by giving several examples. Dartmoor, prison for the tougher outlaws of England, has relatively low walls, no guns and furthermore there are none of the customary fortress towers manned by guards. He expressed the fact that the English convicts are not gun conscious.

He admitted that the sanitary and general equipment of these prisons were not up to the American standard. However the personnel consisting of trained and educated men could be certain of a career since they were not subject to political influence or change.

Libraries were among the modern ameliorations containing in some cases books on engineering

"Delinquents"

All students graduating this year who have not yet had their pictures taken for insertion in "Old McGill" are requested to have them done this week. Persistent delinquents will find that a blank space will appear opposite their biographies.

Cosmos Hold Christmas Party On Night Before Lectures End

Distribution of Presents by Santa Claus Will Be One of The Highlights Of a Novelty Program

By P. R. C. V. Hall the mid-terms.

"Can Canada Support the Arts?" will be the topic of the Cosmopolitan Club Tuesday night discussion group meeting which will take place tonight at 2019 Stanley St., Apartment 1, starting at 8:30 p.m.

This will be the last but one of these weekly meetings before the Christmas holidays, Dave Coore, the chairman of the discussion group committee disclosed last night, and the series will not begin again in the new year until after the mid-term exams. In the meantime, it has been decided to postpone the commencement of the new club group, planned for alternate Monday evenings, until after the holidays to avoid conflicts with

The Tuesday night groups are run in conjunction with the C.B.C. radio program "Of Things To Come," and each week the discussion follows along certain definite lines. First, the group listens to the broadcast for thirty minutes, after which there is a short general discussion. Finally, the discussion is narrowed down to the answering of three questions, which are prepared by the Quebec Citizens' Forum Committee, and which are answered as fully as possible by the group and forwarded to the forum.

The topic to be covered by the proposed Monday evening group will be "Minority Problems."

American Folk Songs, Tales Rendered by John J. Niles

Journalists Plan Christmas Spree To End Session

Mistletoe, Dancing, Refreshments, Gifts, At "Daily" Party

The McGill Daily will hold its annual Christmas party for editors and reporters on Monday, Dec. 18 in the Union Grill Room.

In addition to its regular staff, The Daily has invited the editors of the "Quartier Latin", the U. of M. undergraduate weekly, and all first year students residing in R.V.C., Strathcona and MacLennan Halls who intend to work on The Daily following the holidays.

A feature of the party will be a skit called "The Daily's Christmas Carol," being a take-off of the famous Dickens' story and satirising The Daily's staff, past, present and future. Cakes, hot dogs, ice cream and the annual gift endowments of The Daily will follow the skit, and the evening will be terminated with dancing to the juke box. "The only admittance charge will be that each person attending bring a present, which is not to cost more than twenty-five cents and preferably less than fifteen. The gift should be of a laugh-provoking nature, suitably wrapped to go on the

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People's Forum Features Ballad Expert

American folk songs and ghost stories rendered by John Jacob Niles, made up the programme of the Peoples' Forum at Montreal High School last night.

Mr. Niles, it is stated in the Forum announcement, is an authority on the origin and history of the American ballads, many of which have their beginnings at a very early date in the history of the British Isles. Then, too, he grew up in Kentucky, where these old songs are still sung and so can put feeling into his performance beyond that of a man whose interest is purely scholarly.

The singer accompanied himself on a stringed instrument called the dulcimer which, to the observer, looks like a cross between a cello and a guitar. The intensity of the harmonizing chords rose and fell as Mr. Niles' voice grew louder or softer, and seemed to go with the words of the old tales as naturally as the dialect in which the ballads were sung.

These ballads included "Barbary Allen", "The Four Maries", and several other selections that McGill students have met through the reading lists of English II, as well as some Christmas carols. The carols too, had the mountaineer spirit, and told of the first Christmas as any country people might picture it.

Folk tales, describing the "friendly" return of the dead, were vividly told. One story of a modern girl,

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Three Technicolor Films Shown By Film Society Last Evening

'Cheval Marin', The Life Of The Sea Horse, Life Of Gannets And Coelenterates Described In These Films

By Leah Z. Palliel quite distinctive. We see it flying, thirty-six inches of it, high in the air, watching with keen yellow eyes the wrinkled sea beneath. It sees its prey—a shoal of mackerel or herring. Then a lovely living airplane is converted into a sort of projectile. Suddenly, as you watch, the bird, changing from a level keel, seems to stand on its head in the air, then down like a great white dart, it flashes into the midst of the shoal.

Though the young birds are ugly and repulsive, the gannet rookery is a wonder of loveliness. The birds nest so thickly together that their home, seen from afar, suggests a great white sail on the horizon. When thousands rise from their roosting places into the air all together, then it is as if the island was snowing upward.

The last film shown was about these flimsy, transparent disks of life that float in every sea, the Jellyfishes.

The next films to be shown, as announced by one of the executive, will be "Ski Chase" and "Edge of the World."

Lectures Announced

Public Education Aim of Series Says Dr. James

"Lectures on Living" is the general title of the new annual series of lectures which, Principal James announced, will commence on the evening of Jan. 10, 1945. Sponsored in cooperation with the Canadian Committee on Mental Hygiene, these lectures will be delivered in Moyses Hall by outstanding sociologists, psychologists, and psychiatrists. The first series, consisting of six lectures, will deal with the "Family in Transition."

Dr. Ernest W. Burgess, professor of sociology at the University of Chicago, is the first lecturer in this series. He taught the first course on "The Family" in the United States; and is co-author of the recent book "Predicting Success and Failure in Marriage."

In the announcement of this new series on Public Education Dr. James pointed out: "Throughout all discussions of post-war recovery that have been carried on in the past few years, it has been clearly recognized that the problems of human readjustment may be even harder than those of physical rehabilitation."

"Although in Canada we have not experienced human migration on as large a scale as that which has occurred in Europe, thousands of families have been split up and millions of men and women have been called upon to change their ways of life. If we are to restore a happy and healthy community we must concentrate a great deal of our attention on problems of human living and personal readjustment."

Subsequent dates of lectures and the speakers were given as follows: Jan. 24, Dr. Robert E. Lee Farris, of Syracuse University; Feb. 7, speaker to be announced; Feb. 21, Dr. Arthur Ruggles of Brown University; March 7, Dr. Leonard Carmichael of Tufts College, Boston; and March 14, Dr. J. S. Plant, director of Essex County Juvenile Court, Newark, N.J.

'Engineers Need Liberal Training'

Knowledge of People Declared Necessary By Stevens at SCM

"Education of an Engineer" was the subject of the second meeting of the Engineering Study Group of the S.C.M. which took place yesterday at 7 p.m. at S.C.M. House. The guest speaker was Mr. R. W. Stevens.

A graduate in Mining Engineering from Queen's University, Mr. Stevens is now designing mining equipment at the Dominion Engineering Works Limited.

For a time he was lecturer in Mathematics at Queen's University, and it is of his experiences in this field that he spoke yesterday. Mr. Stevens advocated a more liberal education for the engineers, and suggested that courses in philosophy and psychology be included in the curriculum of the engineer. He pointed out that they lack a course in how to handle people, a course which he considers essential to everyone in this field.

"Industry prefers engineers with a far more general education than they now have," he declared, adding that the specialization in particular lines could be taught by industry itself.

Perhaps if courses at the University were better coordinated much time would be saved and a more liberal engineering training could be achieved, observed the speaker.

Daily Masthead Meeting

A meeting of The Daily Masthead will be held tomorrow at 5 p.m. in The Daily Office. All night editors, associate editors and Department Heads are required to attend.

Miss E. Hassell to Speak On Missionary Work

An illustrated talk on "Missionary Work and Conditions in Western Canada" will be delivered by Miss E. Hassell of the Western Caravan Mission to the women students at a meeting to be held in the R.V.C. Common Room, tomorrow, at 5 p.m.

Miss Hassell's talk will be illustrated by lantern slides showing the opening and development of a new missionary district or "mission" by the Caravan Workers. An executive of the Women's Union stated that all coeds interested in this phase of social work should consider this as an invitation to the meeting.

Cosmos Discuss Canada's Ability To Support Arts

Monday Night Group Postpones Opening Until After Midterms

The annual Christmas Party of the Cosmopolitan Club will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 19, the last day but one of lectures. This will climax the activities of the Club for the first semester. This party, which is one of the three principal events of the Club year, will be held in the Union Ballroom from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

A varied program for the evening has been planned, which will make the event more of a party than a dance, the planning committee stated, although music and dancing will not be omitted from the program. Dance music will be featured during the early part of the evening to act as a stop-gap until the crowd has had time to arrive, after which a series of novelty events will begin, the nature of which will not be revealed so as not to lose the necessary element of surprise.

Later in the evening the program of entertainment will be interrupted for a short while to permit the revellers to rest and regain their strength with the aid of a light course of refreshments. Then, once fed and sustained, the party will be turned over to the ministrations of the musical program section of the club, who will lead the group in the singing of a few old-time Christmas carols, the words of which will be handed around on mimeographed sheets. Immediately after this, Santa Claus will make his grand entrance to take over in his official role as the patron of the party, and will unburden himself of the sacks which he will bring

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Spanish Club Invited To Windsor Hotel Dinner

All the members of the Spanish Club have been invited to a dinner which will be held at the Windsor Hotel on Saturday. It was announced that the dinner will be entirely Spanish. The menu will be printed in Spanish and will be made of Mexican dishes. The waiters will either be proficient in Spanish or they will at least be able to speak both English and Spanish. Admission will be \$2.50 a person.

The program will include Spanish movies and a Spanish play. The play will be interpreted to the audience in French and English by an English commentator.

Around the Campus

Today: Player's Club meet in Union at 5 p.m.

Tomorrow: I.V.C.F. luncheon at Student House. . . Miss E. Hassell to speak to women students at 5 p.m.

Thursday: "Everyman" in Moyses Hall presented by English Dept. . . Father Llewellyn addresses La Societe Francaise in R.V.C. Common Room.

Coming: Xmas Dance by Coeds at R.V.C. on Friday. . . Hillel Party in Union on Saturday. . . Daily Xmas party Dec. 18. . . Xmas, Dec. 25. . . Red Cross Drive from Jan. 15-19.

Pye To Go To NFCUS

Council Meeting Discussed Campus Topics

The appointment of a delegate to the National Federation of Canadian University Students Conference at London, Ontario, and of a three-man committee to recommend changes in the constitution of the Engineering Undergraduate Society was effected at a four-hour meeting of the Student Executive Council in the Union last night. Other business included: Approval of the McGill Daily's shares in the travel-pool for the coming National Conference of Canadian University Press, and entertainment expenses for that conference; suggestions for more specific labelling of the proposed Political Club; and discussion of the University Conference on Post-War Affairs.

The chairman of the Council's committee on the N.F.C.U.S. conference, Jack Pye, was named as the Council's representative to the conference. The Council's chairman, John Costigan, was named as alternative delegate, in the event that Pye cannot attend.

The new 20-page constitution put before the Council for approval by the Engineering Undergraduate Society was handed over to a committee of three, who are to "study the E.U.S. constitution, for the purpose of recommending changes along the lines suggested in Council tonight, and to present such changes to the E.U.S. executive." The same motion specified that this constitutional committee be "continued to call for and study undergraduate society constitutions which have not been approved by the Council, with a view to speedy presentation of such constitutions

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Hillel Foundation Holds Meeting

Rabbi Kahn To Speak; Chanukah, Anti-Semitism To Be Discussed

The Hillel Zionist group is holding a meeting on Wednesday evening at 8 p.m. at the Hillel Office, 1331 Stanley Street.

Rabbi Benjamin Kahn will discuss "Zionism and Anti-Semitism in the U.S.A." and one of the students will speak briefly on the significance of Chanukah, the Jewish festival which falls at the same time of the year as Christmas. The program will also include Palestinian dances, the singing of Chanukah songs, and refreshments.

A dance, given by the Hillel Foundation is to be held in the Union Ballroom at 9 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 16. Duncan Cameron and his orchestra will provide the music. In addition to the dancing, the program will include a surprise entertainment which will take place during the intermission. Refreshments will be served during the course of the evening. Tickets, at \$1.25 a couple, will be sold at the door.

ENGLISH LITERATURE SOCIETY

The English Literature Society held a meeting last Saturday evening at the home of Charles Wassermann.

Kina Mitchell was elected president on the resignation of Charles Wassermann, and plans for the rest of the term were discussed. A tentative list of guest speakers was drawn up, and the society planned to meet on Friday or Saturday twice a month to accommodate the speakers who will address them.

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Spirit of Constructiveness

Undertakings such as the University conference on the post-war world proposed by the Student Executive Council have been attempted before. More often than not, they have wound up rather weakly, owing to the necessity for enlisting the participation of a fairly large number of students.

In this case, plans call for four to five conference groups to "prepare a set of analytical reports on specific problems of the post-war world." On these reports, prepared over a period of several weeks, the bulk of the conference will depend, despite the fact that the general assembly will be addressed by "prominent authorities," and despite the fact that a whole afternoon of final group conferences will be held.

The Council's committee has done everything possible to organize these four to five preliminary conference groups by planning to have faculty advisors and guest speakers help in the work of preparing the "analytical reports." It remains to be seen what sort of response—not merely to the letter sent out to all clubs and societies, but a continued response measured in amount of analysis of the specific problems to be attacked—can be elicited from the campus. We do not intend to prod students into accepting the burden of working out such analyses merely to prove their interest in the post-war world; but we do feel that an occasion such as this, for students to air and to integrate such thoughts on their particular sphere as have been stimulated by the changing conditions of war is too good to miss.

Such a conference may be productive of some positive original thought in a field not yet covered by others. It may on the other hand merely lend support or provide opposition to analyses already prepared. It will, at the very least, indicate a spirit of constructiveness which cannot and must not succumb to apathy.

Christmas Issue

The Daily's annual Christmas Issue will be published on Friday, Dec 15, and as usual a five-dollar War Savings Certificate is offered for the best short-story submitted. The issue is largely a feature department publication, and contributions of prose, poetry, and special articles are solicited. The short stories will be judged by a committee of editors; all students except those on the masthead of The Daily are eligible to submit entries.

Contributions must be less than 1500 words in length, typewritten in double-spacing on one side only of each sheet, and must be signed; otherwise they are ineligible for the competition. They need not necessarily have a specific Christmas interest.

All material submitted should be marked "Christmas Issue" and addressed to the Feature Editor, and should be left at the Union Tuck Shop before 6 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 13.

Reprints

From

The "Forge"

Even in these bitter days of war, there is a need for laughter. It seems to me rather a pity that those students with creative ability should concentrate so earnestly on Life's Great Issues, that they forget, even temporarily, how good it is to laugh at themselves and everybody else.

The "Forge" is, of course, preeminently a serious production. But the editors see no reason why its readers should come from its pages in a state of depressive mania, due to the over-earnestness of its contributors. For pity's sake, let us have a little foolishness! The excerpt below is offered as a challenge to you McGill wits—get busy and turn in your efforts to the Union Tuck Shop, for this year's issue of the "Forge."

Constance Beresford-Howe.

A Study in Technique

By "Red" McIntosh
(from The "Forge" of 1938)

"Apple-polishing is the science of making high marks, not by working on your work, but by working on your professor."—How to Win Marks and Influence Profs.

The science of apple-polishing originated in the little red schoolhouse. You see, even in the simple act of leaving a big, shiny apple on teacher's desk, there can be infinite varieties of subtlety. The naive child presents the apple openly to the teacher, but most polished of all is the child who looks as if he had left the apple which someone else brought.

One out of the Eden of grammar-school, the primitive apple may be abandoned, but the Sin becomes more Original. From long experience, I recommend a gradual insinuation into the professorial favor. The following methods are suggested:

1) Attend lectures every day. (Don't bore yourself; you need only listen enough to laugh at the perennial jokes.)

2) Always be seen in the front row, gazing up adoringly at the lecturer. (Your eyes are most expressive when you are thinking of nothing, so don't think.)

3) At the end of a few weeks, start staying after class to ask intelligent questions. (Find out intelligent questions from somebody intelligent.) In this way, see, you suggest that the lecture was stimulating.

4) Pay a few Subtle Compliments—you might try this formula: "Everybody has been telling me how much they enjoyed your lecture on purring, in Knitting 57. Would you mind if I were to sit in some time?"

5) Then after the last lecture, but before the exam, be sure to let the Prof. know how much you enjoyed the course. This may seem a little crude to one whose best efforts in this direction have been snubbed by some angular female in High School; but remember there is no one more innocent than a college professor, nor anyone more susceptible to flattery—of the subtle types listed above. This is the moment, too, when you mention your mother's rather delicate health, and her hope that you make good grades.

To polish off, after the exam tell him how much you would have enjoyed writing so interesting a paper, if it were not for the splitting headache that was torturing you at the time.

Note: One of these methods alone is not enough to make a successful apple-polisher. You'll need 'em all, in case the author may have overshot his optimism in Paragraph 5).

Time and Tide

Student Poetry

Time and Tide today reprints this poem, which appears as the dedication of the feature page of The Sheaf, student newspaper of the University of Saskatchewan.

Student poets, parading in dim black and white up and down the columns,
Apprentices in verbal magic,
Some earnestly laboring at stanzas finely wrought and exquisitely stamped,
Others with fleeting arabesques of melody, lost in the ill of a song,
All of them one in the quality of imperfection,
In distant aspiration toward a hardly attainable ideal.
Consider us, then, a moment or an hour as seems most convenient to you,
Indulgently, as fledglings with stammering wings, hear us,
Those who will be true poets, and those who do not pretend to be more than resigned versifiers,
Forgiving us of the mediocre throng as well as those whom genius has touched for the sake of the dream we have had.

Be proud of us because we are yours and we are seeking for good things,
But not only yours, Saskatchewan, everybody's by definition as a poet sings of all men and not Saskatchewanians,
Listen then kindly to this society of amateurs striving for mastery
In the splendid craft of weaving words that sing.

The Daily Visits Backstage at the Ice-Capades

—Jack Rishikof

"Oh for the life of an Ice-Ca"pet." That's the topic of conversation in the halls of the Forum by this city's younger female skaters who come down to see the show. It's intriguing. It's exciting. It's a great life. But few of the 4,000 girls who apply annually can pass the tests required to become one of the famed Ballet girls in Ice-Capades.

But to be a Ca"pet" entails far more background than greets the casual eye. The girls can't just "walk in and skate." It might be interesting to follow step by step the procedure by which these girls win the right to finally become full-fledged "Ice-Ca"pets.

Thorough Interviews

First they are interviewed by the three officials of the Ice-Capade "family" — Rosemarie Stewart Dench, Olympic games pair skating champion; Charles Uksilla, stage director, and Norman Prescott, company manager.

Because the Ice-Capades must be like one big family on its tour of the country, extreme care is taken to keep a congenial company. Hence the interview becomes something of a small "F.B.I." investigation. Family, background of the applicant and her likes and dislikes are duly filed. Measurements are checked, she must be from 5 foot 3½ inches to 5 foot 6 inches, weigh not more than 125 pounds, age from 16 to 22.

That part over, next comes the test on skates. The girls are put through a routine equal to the first of the regulation figure skating requirements—the standard by which all figure skating is gauged. If found equal to the part after the test—here comes the real work.

Fundamentals First

Beginners are placed in a "D" class, where they go through the rudiments and fundamentals of skating under the coaching of Mr. Uksilla. This lasts for a minimum of two weeks and the girls as yet are in no part of the show. The idea is for them to learn their skating so thoroughly that when they get into production numbers, they will have no consciousness of their skates.

The Ice-Capet is then given an opportunity to appear in one number and eventually graduate to class "C." But they are still schooled in skating and within two months, if they do remain, they must improve enough to qualify for class "B." There are two other groups classified as "A" and "AA"—"A" girls being the best line skaters and the "AA" bracket, the girls who are

believed to be future stars of the show.

They Like the Work

Opportunity is always just around the corner for these girls. One great reason for the success of the Ice-Capades ballet is that the girls are being paid to do the things they like to do so well, and they are being given the finest instruction in ice-skating, at no cost to them.

So much for the technical part of becoming an Ice-Ca "pet." Many wonder about the personal life of these charming girls. They are treated strictly as young ladies on their own. As for deportment, the strict requirements of training keep the girls in top form. The ice show is entirely different from the theatre in that it requires athletic ability. The line girls spend more effort in one number on ice than a chorus girl in an entire show on the stage. And the Ice-Ca "pet" must be on the ice for fifty per cent. of the show.

Hence it behooves a girl to keep the strictest training or she falls below requirements.

See America First

The girls travel first-class between cities and hotel arrangements are made for them everywhere they go. They are fully covered by insurance, and as for the advantages of travel, many a home town girl joining the Ice-Capades sees America's 22 largest cities for the first time.

Another feature backstage is the spirit of helpfulness existing among the principals and the lesser-known skaters of this "big family." In practice and rehearsal hours, and even on the backstage rink, the top-notch stars are seen helping out these youngsters. Donna Atwood, the vivacious titian-haired star, is a leader in this field.

Fancy Fashions

The delighted gasps of "Oh's" and "Ah's" that arise from the audiences seeing this "frosted fantasy" are complete testimony that the fashions for this 5th edition of the show are the most beautiful of any ice productions seen so far in this city.

Chic styles, created by the best costume designers and manufacturers in the business, are executed in daring brilliant colour combinations. With a complete disregard for the staid rules of colour blending, these designers have utilized every hue to be found on the palette of an artist, in a manner which at first glance appears haphazard but which at second glance is plainly the result of clever planning. Each costume set is designed to seek authenticity; so only after long research are these eye-filling cos-

tumes manufactured. In "Fiesta," the South American production, as the entire cast appears on the ice, the colours are so expertly blended that it seems every colour of the rainbow is whirling about before you.

Period Costumery

The most expensive individual costume was created for lovely Edythe Walley, who is featured in the "Dresden Holiday" production. Her 18th century gown is made of silver bullion or metal cloth, and the overdrape of the skirt is turquoise blue marquisette, with cloud effect of silver metallic tissue. The seven-foot wig, typical of that ornate period, is of the same material as the gown. In order to

The Stage History Of "Everyman"

"Everyman" is an anonymous play. There are many early editions of the script in English, many in Dutch and there is at least one translation in nearly every other European language; so it is a little difficult to tell just where the original came from. The drama reached its greatest peak of popularity in the 16th century, when the morality play became the main type of stage production, and of these, "Everyman" was undoubtedly outstanding, for it is one of the very few that has merited repeat performances and achieved new fame in our times.

One proof of the value of the play has been its presentation every year at the great summer festival at Salzburg. (It is interesting to note, incidentally, that this festival took place every year until 1938, when the Nazis tried to revive it after their occupation of Austria, and the leading artists refused to be present.) The play, done in German under the title of "Jedermann," was directed for a considerable length of time by Max Reinhardt, and featured such actors as Alexander Moisy. The setting was always outdoor, in front of the great old cathedral, gaining at once both the simplicity of the stage and the splendour of the church background.

Another interesting production was given in Welsh at Wrexham, North Wales, under the direction of Professor Reinhardt's co-producer Stefan Hock. The cast was made up of local amateurs, but the performance turned out to be one of the best ever witnessed. It contained a rhythmic quality which perhaps can only be expressed by such musical people as the Welsh.

—R.L.

keep this wig light, yet well balanced and sustained, the frame is made of many strands of reed interwoven and then covered.

Above is the glamor, but like any theatrical production, ice shows have their share of headaches. Performers must be able to change costumes without removing their skates. This is accomplished by using plastic zippers, which nowadays have an unfortunate tendency to get stuck. The ice itself is another headache—not too soft, not too hard. Unless it's just right, the management sprouts a few more grey hairs during a performance.

Falls are the price of being a great skater. All skaters fall; the best ones tumble most often, as they do the most difficult acts. Nervousness and objects on the ice cause the majority of them. Although good skaters expect to fall about once a week, they usually do it when there's a visiting celebrity or a particularly enthusiastic audience — and they're over-anxious to please however, in Montreal, these were almost negligible. From what I have seen of these

professional skaters, I think it's a libelous statement that they are just like any other people. Even more so, when described as "Just like any other people — that have been bounced on their heads". First, it's not on their heads they get bounced; second, people who earn their livelihood by spinning at top speed are not as you and I. Yep—it's a great life. Do you still want to be an Ice-Ca "pet" ? ?

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Letter Forum

SMOKER

BEER-BOTTLE CAMPAIGN.

Dear Sir,—To the gentlemen who were at the Arts & Sc. Smoker:

Will the gentlemen who were inconsiderate enough to walk out of the union last Thursday night with beer bottles please have the decency to bring those empty bottles back. If for some reason or other they have been broken, then I call upon your sense of decency as McGill Students, to find by one means or another, bottles to replace the broken ones and bring them to the Union Tuck Shop, from where I will pick them up and return them to the dealers. Please remember that dealers cannot get beer unless they have empties to exchange for full ones. Shall we let them down? Shall we let ourselves down? Remember that they have continually supplied the different faculty affairs, and if we do not return them the bottles they were kind enough to supply us, then I assure you that there will be no more beer for the other faculties, when the time comes for them to have a smoker or banquet.

I extend this plea to all those who attended the smoker: if at home you have any extra beer bottles, please turn them in at the Union Tuck Shop, even though it be but a solitary bottle. We are at present 57 bottles short (4½ dozen). So come on everybody, cooperate, collect and let us satisfy our dealers.

I remain,
G. G. TEOLIS,
Committee of Arts & Sc. Un. Soc.

ELECTIONS

THANKS

The Editor, McGill Daily.
Sir,—I wish to take this opportunity to thank most sincerely all those who nominated and voted for me as second year Commerce representative to the Scarlet Key Society.

Yours truly,
W. J. REID.

THANKS.

The Editor, McGill Daily.
Sir,—I wish to thank all those who elected me to the Students' Executive Council and to assure them that I will wholeheartedly devote myself to justifying their confidence.

Yours faithfully,
SYDNEY G. WEBSTER, Sc. 3.

THANKS.

Dear Sir: We should like to take this opportunity to thank all those who nominated us, and who voted for us in the recent elections. We shall do our best as representatives of Engineering to the Scarlet Key Society.

Yours truly,
GEOFFREY W. INCE,
ALLAN KNIGHT.

THANKS.

The Editor,
Dear Sir,—Through the medium of your column we would like to thank everyone who nominated and voted us First Year Representatives to the Red Wing Society.

Yours sincerely,
Beverly Mace
Jane Hildebrand.

LOCAL

Douglas Hall,
December 8th, 1944.

The Editor, McGill Daily:
Dear Sir,—There seems to have been some caterwauling re the activities of the prankster (s) and/or prankstress (es) that would, according to the Letter Forum column, appear to have set Douglas Hall and R.V.C. in a furore. "Indignant" started the ball rolling, by hurling accusations at R.V.C. "More Indignant" continued by hurling them right back, saying that "Indignant" was not a gentleman. She should know, for popular opinion here seems to think that the first missive was not written by a Douglas Hall resident. However, let us hope that these letters will continue till the end of time, with

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ICE SEXTET HOLDS TUNEUP FOR ARMY GAME

Red Team Works Out In Pre-game Session; Special Tickets Obtained

George Hale, Costigan Lead Collegians; Tom Hale Ineligible

McGill's Red and White ice team whip through their final practice session today in preparation for tomorrow's important game against the Army squad. Bobby Bell will have his full squad on the Forum ice surface for the 12.30-1.30 practice hour.

Meanwhile, Al Rae, hockey manager, disclosed last night that a special McGill wicket will be open at the Forum for students tickets. He added that a reduction in price to 15 cents has been obtained and tickets will be sold on presentation of Athletic cards.

A new special feature has been added, with the introduction of the sale of McGill colours. These will be sold at the Tuck Shop in the Union today and tomorrow. Highlighting the McGill motif at the game will be the presence of the COTC band, the Scarlet Key, Red Wings and the corps of cheerleaders.

T. Hale Out

Hopes that Tommy Hale might be on hand for the game were dashed last night when a meeting of the Athletics Council declared the St. Lambert speedster ineligible until such time as he registers for a course of study. He is expected to complete all the formalities by January 8. Another bit of news was handed out yesterday when Bud Farmer was reported to be back at university. The big red-head is expected to be back in action within two months.

For the scoring punch against the Army, the Bell Brigade is counting on George Hale to come through in usual form. The diminutive winger has proved to be "Johnny-on-the-spot" in several instances for the Redmen and helped to notch the only win hung up by the Collegians against the same Army team in the league opener.

Ward Pitfield and John Costigan will provide the rest of the Red and White scoring punch, while the McGill team sports one of the best defensive trios in the league, in the persons of Bruce Ward, Bob Broderick and Tony Dobell.

Backing up these more experienced first stringers will be the mixture of freshmen and seniors who constitute the backbone of the group. Norm Halford, Paul Gagnon, Gordie Franks, are the second year men on the team, while Bob Layton, Henderson, Tennant, and Mingie are the newcomers on the team.

Softball Replay Set for Today

Eng. II-Arts Blacks Play at Gym; Winners Meet Grads Thursday

Play for the Gunn Cup, which is to be awarded to the Inter-Faculty Champions in softball, now enters into its final week. At the moment the Grads nine are standing by, waiting for the other semi-final game winners, which is to be played today at the gym, between the Arts and Science Blacks and Eng. II. These two teams battled each other to a 4-4 draw last Thursday, being forced to stop play because the gym was to be used for other purposes. The play and rivalry of these two teams is just as close as this 4-4 score indicates, both teams having strong batteries and air-tight infielders.

Eng. II.

Eng. II have once before played the Grads in a play-off game, losing 5-4, but this game has been disallowed owing to the fact that the winning run was scored by a player who had been hit by a batted ball.

Because of the fact that this softball schedule has been rather drawn out it is the present intention of the Inter-Faculty Council to start next year's schedule immediately on the opening of the college year and thus be able to have some of the games played outdoors on the campus.

The Army-Navy game has been played in Baltimore twice, and both times Army was victorious—though Baltimore is known as the Navy's lucky field.



SHARPSHOOTER—Bobby Bell's most dependable forward is GEORGE HALE, versatile forward.

Lineups Given For Interfaculty Hockey Opener

Arts-Science To Use Three Lines; Springer Set For Defence

Firing the opening guns in the Interfaculty hockey loop warfare was the announcement handed out last night showing the starting lineups for tomorrow's opener in which the Commerce team takes on the Arts-Science aggregation. The Arts team will have fourteen men dressed for the tilt, including several stars from last year's Intramural loop. In the nets, Alan Cockerline will show Brack, while his defence quartet consists of F. Abraham, J. Piper, Harry Hamilton and George Springer. The latter hit the All-Star Intramural squad last year.

The Arts team will have three lines, centred by Leo Zakuta, Jon Ballon and Orr Zakuta and Ballon were teammates on the Army sextet last year and showed plenty of high-flying work along the ice-lanes.

For left-wingers, Cockerline has Morgan, Renaud, and Shaughnessy, all newcomers to interfaculty ice wars. On the opposite side of the ice, Harry Stevens, Liddy and G. Boyle will be out for the Arts-Science group.

The Commerce ice team will dress fewer men starting with Cockfield in the cage, and George Frank, Jimmy Robinson, and John Wight on the blue line brigade. All the defencemen have had plenty of experience in the game, with Frank and Wight being two of the better lads in the Interamural loop of last season.

The Commerce forwards have not been definitely set in their entirety, although McBoyle, Jim Delalanne, Rouleau, Albany Moore, and Milton Arnold are sure starters. Don Smith may make an appearance for the Accountants, providing he does not dress for the Seniors squad's game.

Arn Chaikin will be the whistle-blower for the fray. Chaikin may be out on the Engineers' defence if they step on the ice for a game Thursday. At present, details of the

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Hoopsters Face Georgians Tomorrow

Bench Comments

by herb shayne

PRO PAY We've often wondered just what kind of salaries professional athletes pull down for their "do or die" efforts for dear old Montreal or any other city for that matter. In our quizzical mood, we happened to do a little research on the matter over the weekend and came up with some startling, not to say the least amazing, results.



BABE RUTH—his \$80,000 tops them all.

The conclusions we reached were that college students would be a lot better off going through for their degree and opening up the old filling station than casting their eyes upon the supposedly lucrative field of pro sports. The only way to make the pro game pay is to hit the top and the lucky few who manage to do that are conspicuous by their lack of numbers.

Besides, that, the average playing life of a pro athlete is relatively short and despite reports to the contrary, is not a bowl of cherries. It's a tough, hard grind, with threat of injury looming ever-large and the old bugbear of conditioning holding the whiplash.

RUTHIAN RUPEES The best pay handed out for a season's effort was the \$80,000 given to Babe Ruth for his swat ability during the 1931 and 1932 seasons. The Bambino hooked Colonel Jake Ruppert for this fabulous sum just at the very end of what has now come to be called the "Golden Age of Sport." But to balance off that rate of earnings is the measly \$75 per month that rookies in Class D leagues draw down. Even the average big league figure is no prince's ransom, hovering around the \$3,000-\$4,000 mark.

Hockey as a paying pastime is even worse. The league has set a ceiling of \$7,000 per season as the tops for any single salary, although bonuses and "extras" can boost this to a very close approximation of ten thousand semesters. Eddie Shore is reputed to have hauled out as high as \$15,000 for a season's efforts but Eddie Shore comes along only once in a decade. Beginners can count on \$2,500, which account for the fact that several so-called "simon pure's" refused to turn pro and preferred to play in the "amateur" loops.

Boxing is another profession that has a great diversity of salary scales. Gene Tunney, now in the United States Coast Guard, banked just ten thousand dollars short of a cool million after his second fight with Dempsey, in Chicago in 1927. The Manassa Mauler didn't do too badly for himself in his first fight with Tunney as he put the bite on the promoter for \$711,888, which, as the humble denizens of Flatbush say, ain't hay.

There is a little story that goes along with that first fight. Seems that Dempsey had split up with his former manager Jack Kearns and had contracted with Gene Normile to handle his affairs. This bout was Gene's first and last venture in the fight game. The canny Normile gave the champ \$25,000 to let him handle his affairs with the proviso that he was to get all the money over the \$475,000 mark. After collecting his cash, Normile retired from the fight game for good, probably to raise chickens.

While we're on the subject of managers, it would be a good idea to note that the salaries are rarely ever made public and the figures released are generally purely for public consumption. Joe McCarthy is reputed to be holding down a \$35,000 per annum job and Joe Cronin and Bill Terry are likely to have received the same as playing managers. Football coaches at the large American universities range all the way from twenty thousand dollars to seven thousand five hundred.

Getting down to the lesser sports, golf pros lead a rather screwy financial life. The top winnings amount to an average of \$12,500, with the record of twenty thousand. But in streaks of bad luck, the players may average only three hundred and fifty dollars for the year's toll, while their expenses mount up to about ten times as much.

If any perusers of this humble pillar (are ya with us, Andy?) have any aspirations in the horsey line (and we don't mean from the wagging angle), the facts of the case are something like this. The jockey receives \$10 per ride and \$15 extra if he rides the winner. Many of the jocks get 10 per cent. of the horse's winnings while the top-notchers in the field are under contract, to the various stables at five thousand to ten thousand greenbacks per. Earl Sande hit the heights with a \$50,000 yearly draw, while a certain George Ellis received \$20,000 for a short two minute ride at Agua Caliente.

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Seek to Retain Lead Against Rival Collegians; Play Satisfies Mentor

Intermediate Quintet to Meet Macdonald Squad in Small Gym

The undefeated McGill basketball squad faces the cellar-dwelling Georgians in the nightcap of the weekly M.B.L. double-header tomorrow. In the opener Southwestern "Y" and Combines clash, the winner assuming sole possession of second place.

Coach Van Wagner had considerable comment about last week's victory over the highly touted Combines and he was pleased with the team's progress. One of the prime observations of the noted mentor was that the Combines carefully assigned their ace defensive stars to Georgie Davidson and the high-scoring forward was held to six points mostly garnered via the free throw route.

To offset this, a very gratifying accomplishment was executed by the McGill quintet when the score-book showed that every player notched at least one basket. The leaders of the scoring parade were Vic Curran with ten points and Leo Rosentveig with eight. On the whole the team netted 28% of their shots, the figure being far above the usual low-accuracy average.

Improvement The Redmen have improved greatly in two vital departments of play. The passing last week was fast and sure and the Combines had few breaks on intercepted passes which helped in keeping their score down. The McGill cause was advanced further by the fact that the Redmen garnered about 99% of the rebounds.

Harms and Roth did more than their share in this accomplishment while Martin Goodwin, turned in a very creditable performance. The

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Blake With 26 Points Heads Hab Marksmen

Boston Bruins' smooth skating centre star, Bill Cowley, is leader of the National Hockey League scoring race, according to the latest compilation of the scoring results. Cowley picked up one goal and three assists during the week, to boost his mark to 10 goals and 19 assists for a total of 29 points.

Only three points behind with 26 is Toe Blake of the Canadiens, who garnered two markers and one assist during the week's operations, to hold undisputed possession of second place. A three way tie between Syd Howe, of Detroit, Gus Bodnar of Toronto and Elmer Lach of Canadiens exists for third place.

Intersection Swim Event Set for K of C

Diving, Races, Novelties Feature Mermaid's Meet

The first women's intersection swim meet of the year will be held tomorrow afternoon in the Knights of Columbus Pool between 4.00 and 6.00 p.m. Although it is the second meet of the year for the women's swimming, it is the first one for which points will be given to the various sections toward the grand total at the end of the year.

A point will be given to each section for each participant, fifty points will be given to the section which places first, and thirty points to the section which places second.

The following events will be run off during the afternoon:

- 50 yards, free style.
- 50 yards, breast.
- 50 yards, side.
- 50 yards, back.

Cork race—a comedy race in which the participants see how many corks they can get out of the pool in a certain space of time.

Diving: There will be one required dive, a plain running front, and two optional. Catherine Rawls Thompson and George Athanas have agreed to judge the diving.

Lists

All girls who wish to participate must sign up on the M.W.S.A.A. bulletin board in R.V.C. as soon as possible, as this is the only way that the section representative can get an idea of who is swimming for your section.

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Meet Jim Thorpe

Carlisle Indian Deemed America's Best Athlete; Football, Baseball, Track All Taken in Stride

(In a recent issue of "The Reader's Digest" there appeared an article on America's greatest athlete Jim Thorpe: this article was of such interest to us that we here-with pass it on in modified version.)

James Francis Thorpe was born at Prague, Oklahoma, in 1888. His father was half Irish and half Indian. His mother was one quarter French and three quarters Indian. His people called him Chief Bright Path, but when at 15 he went to Carlisle Institute in Pennsylvania he became plain Jim.

Track Team

The story of how Jim happened to become a track athlete at Carlisle has been told by "Pop" Warner, the famous coach. One spring day, Thorpe was doing duty as a yard bird, cleaning up after the track squad had completed practice. The High-jump bar had been left at 5 feet 8 inches, the last effort of the team's ace jumper. Jim figured that in his youth he had seen a horse jump this high therefore he should be able to do likewise, so off came his shoes, and from the far end of the field "Pop" Warner saw the overalled yard bird

soil through the air and clear the bar by at least four inches. From this moment on, Jim was a member of the Carlisle team.

Jim was no giant. He stood 5 feet 11½ inches and weighed 180 pounds. He was perfectly proportioned and had amazing natural coordination. A lazy, easy-going fellow, he never trained, never practiced. But he always won.

It was inevitable that he should be a star on the Olympic team and this he was, winning both the pentathlon and the decathlon in the Olympic meet at Stockholm in 1912. The King of Sweden in presenting Thorpe with a bronze bust said, "You, sir, are the greatest athlete in the world." Immediately on his return to America Thorpe hustled into a football uniform. His greatest triumph in the field of rugby was the Harvard game of 1911. He kicked four field goals that day. With the score tied and two minutes left to play, Jim stood on his own 48-yard line and place-kicked the ball 52 yards, splitting the Harvard goal posts with the winning goal. He has never been left off any All-Time All-American football team.

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Letter Forum

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accusations being hurled merrily around to remind us of that great but rather juvenile institution—the snowball fight.

It appears that the activity in this campaign has been chiefly restricted to using devious means to cause Douglas Hall residents to telephone R.V.C. and vice versa on false pretences. Might I suggest that this state of affairs could readily be ameliorated by setting up a dating bureau, so that those who appear to enjoy it could have their fill of calling members of the opposite sex, but in a more conventional manner? Also, it would leave the telephone facilities of both institutions free for legitimate calls.

"More Indignant" remarks in closing that it would be better for all concerned to forget about the whole business. Could it be that there is some phase of the issue about which she is nursing a guilt-laden conscience? Certainly the issue should not be forgotten until the culprits have been brought to justice.

Personally, I have very little to complain about. The only incident in which I was involved caused me to call a very charming young lady. Others have not, however, been so fortunate, and it would be a grave mistake to allow the guilty party or parties to slink away unheeded. Such things as 4-1 telephone interrogations are, I am told, most harrowing experiences, while some of my fellow engineers have been on the receiving end of most infuriating identity substitutions.

One thing more — the letters so far have been written under the cloak of complete anonymity. At least a partial lifting of the veil would certainly be a token of good faith, yours much more indignantly.

T. N.

N.F.C.U.S.

IMMEDIATE REPLY

The Editor, McGill Daily,
Sir, — Of the fact the National Federation of Canadian University Students is needed to handle national student affairs there is no doubt. Such an organization must be revived as the nucleus of student opinion and activity over the Dominion.

It is a fact that the cost of books and fees entailed by the average university student is too often a

source of perplexity and distress.

It is a fact that the students over there in Europe are going to find it pretty hard to get back to a university life which is anywhere near normal.

Students must make themselves heard concerning matters pertaining to the student. Perhaps the International Relations Club at McGill (Dorothy Hopton, Daily of December 7) and corresponding clubs at other Canadian universities will find an outlet for their aspirations in a newly organized N.F.C.U.S.

In any case the work to be done by such a federation warrants its immediate revival.

A Canadian University Student.

SUGGESTIONS.

The Editor,
McGill Daily.

Dear Sir,—Now that petitions are being circulated calling for a general meeting of the Students' Society, I should like to make some suggestions concerning a National Federation of Canadian University Students.

1. We should instruct our representative to insure that the meeting at London, Ontario, should lay the ground work for a future conference to be held next year which would include representatives of all the universities in Canada.

2. Committees should be set up at the London meeting to prepare comprehensive briefs on certain student problems. These briefs should be presented to the all-inclusive conference to be held next year.

3. One of these problems to be studied should be the extension of University facilities to a broader section of the population. This can be done through government subsidies, direct scholarships, or the decreasing of University fees.

4. An immediate problem which is already on the Agenda concerns military training for University Students. McGill should go on record as either supporting or opposing the present system of unrealistic training. I appreciate the hard work and skill of our officers and instructors who are training us to "kill the enemy," but there are many of us who have been rejected by the Active Army who are taking part in this type of training. It has no logical justification.

5. If Canada is to be a great nation it must have excellent doctors, engineers, chemists, sociologists, etc. We, as students should make a

SPANISH MUSIC PRACTICE

There will be a Spanish Music Practice tonight at 7.30 in the Union Grill Room. All those who attended the last meeting and those who are interested in joining the Spanish Club are requested to attend.

reassessment of our role in society. We should attempt to define our existence in terms of how our University Training will equip us to make Canada a better place in which to live.

We have here the opportunity to help create an organization that can become a vital part of student life. Let us not miss this opportunity. Let us create a well functioning organization that will be a permanent one. Now is the time to do it.

BAHM WIESMAN,
Architecture II.

COLONIAL STUDENTS REPRESENTATIVE MEETING.

The Editor, The McGill Daily:

Dear Sir,—This letter has been necessitated by certain unfortunate incidents which took place during the meeting of British Colonial Students on Friday, Dec. 8th. Two of the participants showed a most undemocratic and non-Christian attitude by interrupting the proceedings every few minutes and eventually indicated the real reason for their presence there by making a motion to the effect that the meeting be adjourned until a "more truly representative gathering" could be induced to assemble under the same roof. I, personally, am convinced that there is not even a nucleus of a minority of British Colonial students on this campus who could honestly assert that they have not been given an opportunity to express their views in regard to the appointment of their Colonial Advisor. An open invitation was extended to all British Colonial students on the campus in the Daily for four consecutive days. The implication was that a certain group of British Colonial students are trying to form a "high pressure group" in regard to affairs affecting all Colonial students on the North American Continent. It is grossly unfair that a group of young people with a sincere interest in the future welfare of their own land should be exposed to irresponsible censure of this kind. Accordingly, I am appealing to any British Colonial student or group of British Colonial students on this campus, who feel that they should have been represented at Friday's meeting and were not so represented, to express their views on this matter, preferably through the medium of this daily. If this appeal brings in its wake an ample pile of reasonable and justifiable complaints, then I fall to see how the sponsors could do otherwise than call another meeting or make some public statement. If, on the other hand, these complaints do not materialize, then I think that these two men (presumably representing other Colonial students here), owe an apology to the group accused of employing high-handed tactics in regard to this vital matter.

The Rev. J. Karefa-Smart offered a further objection to continuing the meeting on the grounds that British Colonial students in other Universities on the North American Continent, and particularly in the United States, should be approached before the British Colonial students on this campus came to a decision regarding constructive suggestions pertinent to this matter. As a case in point, Rev. Karefa-Smart drew attention to his fellow countrymen, some 200 of whom are at present attending Universities in the United States. I would just like to point out that there is an advisory committee at present operative in the United States which deals chiefly with difficulties encountered by African Students. In view of this fact, it would be reasonable to suppose that the Colonial Advisor-to-be will co-operate with this group rather than direct its activities. Furthermore, I see no reason why British Colonial students on this campus should have their views modified by those of students on other campuses. Indeed, I think that such action on our part would constitute a breach of etiquette; are we justified in indicating to the Colonial Office in London that its staff does not know how to conduct the business of that office?

Yours sincerely,
A. E. WARD, B.Sc. 4.

Meet Jim Thorpe

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box of trophies with the following message: "I don't know what your rules are in regard to amateurism, but I do know that Thorpe is the greatest athlete in the world." Stripped of all honor, bewildered and beaten, Jim Thorpe became a real professional, John McGraw

hired him to play for the New York Giants. However as Jim liked to loaf he simply would not practice; he didn't need to. Thus the hot-tempered McGraw quickly benched him and later sold him to a minor league club. Later Jim repaired to professional football. There he started the sports world by his speed and tricks. The toughest game in the world, he played it until he was 43.

In 1929 Jim hit out for Hollywood, but his slow way of speaking was not keyed to talkies. He got bits in westerns, but by the depression years he was down to digging ditches.

It was there a newspaperman discovered him. He has a steady job now and things are looking up. The Oklahoma legislature is appealing to the A.A.U. to put his name back in the record books. Moreover, the Oklahoma legislature is considering a bill that would make him the state athletic director.

Perhaps America will yet give Jim Thorpe a belated even break. He deserves to go down in history as a native son Americans can always look to with pride.

Interfaculty Loop Continues Play

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5.15—Architecture vs. Medicine I; Referee Turcot.
6.00—Commerce vs. Engineering I "B"; Referee Turcot.

On Friday, four more games are on tab and the rest of the teams will see action. In the openers at 5.15 p.m., Engineering III meet the Graduate School while Commerce clashes with Engineering II. The whistle-blowers for these frays will be Proctor and Turcot respectively. At 6.00 p.m., with Shiller and Turcot refereeing, Arts and Science I "A" oppose Arts and Science II "B" while Arts and Science I "B" battle it out with Engineering I "B" in the other contest.

Lineups Given for Hockey Opener

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exact times available for the games will have to be ironed out with Coach Bobby Bell. If the Plumbers do not play Thursday, they are set for a game next week.

Intersection Swim Event Set

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other activities, that are taking place Wednesday afternoon, races will be run off through 6.00 with 5.45 as the deadline for entering. All races will be timed so results will not be announced until Thursday morning. Because of the meet there will be no life-saving on Wednesday, but classes will be resumed immediately after Christmas.

Hoopsters Fall Georgians

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lanky centre has shown steady improvement since the beginning of the season and has shown up particularly well in the last few practices.

The Georgians will not be push-overs and McGill will definitely be watching Lance Hudson, Glen Wood and Rip Jonas carefully as either can come up with a devastating rash of points.

Intermediates
In the adjoining gym at 8 p.m. the Intermediate squad faces the Macdonald College quintet in a regular league fixture. The Redmen met defeat when they encountered the Green and Gold quintet at St. Annes and will be out for revenge in this coming fray. The team has been practising hard under the direction of Jerry Leonards and Sharkey, Ingham and Kalpakis have shown up well.

Roving Reporter Hits Jackpot

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Halford on the subject of fraternities. These lads represent the houses with the three best hockey teams in last year's Interfraternity League, and this is as good a start as any for the daily argument; needless to say, uncomplimentary remarks are not restricted to the subject of hockey teams, and some of the cracks tossed back and forth should be preserved for posterity.

Odds And Ends . . . Ward-Pitfield set the boys on their proverbial ears earlier in the season with some very choice French expressions—he claims he learned a lot of French playing with Concordia Juniors last year . . . incidentally, the boys are still trying to find out what was behind a little item in "sean's" column in the Herald recently, where a hockey fan was quoted as saying of "Pit" "That guy has everything, and now he's a hero too" or words to that effect . . . Speaking of the Herald,

HILLEL ELECTIONS

Today: Last day of polling in Arts Building, 9.30-2.00 in the Men's and Women's Common Rooms, 2.30-5.00 at the Hillel Office—1443 Stanley St.
Tomorrow: Final day of Elections, 10.00-2.00 in the Engineering Building, 2.30-4.00 at the Hillel Office. Students of all Faculties may vote on either day.

Johnny Costigan still hasn't heard the end of the big play he received as one of McGill's busiest men. Whenever he comes out to practice he is greeted as a "long-time-no-see" friend and has to explain how he found time to come out to practice . . .

Ward

Bruce Ward is taking great delight these days in teaching Norm Halford some of the rougher points of the game, using Norm as a target. Halford insists Ward could have made the football team if he had tried, that is until Keer would kick him off the team for getting his team penalized too often. . . . Gordie Franks, newly christened "Queenie", will probably receive a Xmas present from the team of one of those red spots on the ice where he practices his stickhandling. . . . Dan Cupid hasn't provided the razzing usually expected among such a group of handsome athletes; apparently most of the boys have their dates far from the prying eyes of their team-mates. There is one young lady, however, who has been heard to approach various members of the team, who were watching the first game and waiting until it was time to change for the second game of the twin bill, and in a plaintive voice the distressed one cried, "Have you seen Bob?" Ah, the agony of it all!

So the wheel of fortune turns, and where she stops we'll find out the next time we get any good gossip on the "Red Pucksters."

Cosmos Discuss Canada's Ability to Support Arts

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with him bearing a load of presents from the far north. The sacks will then be placed at opposite sides of the room, and the crowd will be divided up into two lines to walk up and dip into the sacks for their presents under the direction of Saint Nick.

Winners Awarded Nobel Prize

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former Nobel prize winners, scientists, educators, and representatives of press, motion pictures and radio. At a forum they discussed the topic "education for peace and a post-war world". The speakers included Kent Cooper, executive director of the Associated Press; Edgar Kobak president, Mutual Broadcasting System and Darryl F. Zanuck, vice-president, 20th Century-Fox Film Corporation.

English Prisons Topic

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and technical subjects if approved. The speaker also mentioned the abolition of the silence system. Many privileges were allowed if they made any cultural effect on the individual or mass morale. "I hope that some day in Canada we may have such a system", stated Maj. Edmison, "for until we have it, we shall not have what is needed for a prison-happy and contented staff."

Maj. Edmison visited institutions all over England and found most of them in a high classification. At some prisons men worked at long distances from the prison under a light guard doing agricultural labour. On one 1,500 acre farm goods amounting to \$150,000 were produced.

The speaker continued to say that the Home Secretary, Herbert Morrison, promises that even greater reforms are to be proposed after the war.

Maj. Edmison will assume a new position overseas as deputy regional director for UNRRA on the continent of Europe. Reginald Blakely presided at the meeting. The speaker was introduced by E. M. Patton and thanked by J. B. Stirling.

Pye to Go to N.F.C.U.S.
A report on the Canadian University Press Conference, for which The McGill Daily's contribution of "\$65.80" was approved at the Council's last meeting, stated that the conference would be held in Montreal on Dec. 28, 29, 30, and would cost each of the attending member papers \$68 for the travel-pool. The total attendance at the C.U.P. conference, according to the report

given, will be 16 out of 17, or nearly double the attendance at any such previous conference. Two dollars per delegate for entertainment expenses was allowed by the Council in a motion following the report.

Over an hour's discussion of the proposed Political Club, including an interview with one of the founders, ended in the Council's recording the suggestion that these founders "obtain the approval of the Department of Economics and Political Science to cooperate with this club; that the name of the club be changed to the McGill Canadian Political Science Club; and that they submit a constitution containing a clause limiting the function of the club to a study-group discussions."

A report from the committee on the University conference on Post-war Affairs was heard by the Council.

In answer to a question re the committee studying changes of the Student Society Constitution, the chairman stated that a revised draft would be presented to the Council sometime in January.

The next meeting of the Council was scheduled for 4.30 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 19.

Present at last night's meeting were: Costigan, Pye, Galbraith, Griffith, Halford, Richter, Ferguson, Goldblom, Barrow, Howe, and Watson.

Rev. Dr. Cody Shows Failures Of Democracies

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omic processes of society — food, clothing, and the like.

There is the alternative of social legislation. Pope Pius XI, Dr. Cody quoted, said that when private enterprise becomes too powerful for public welfare, it should be socialized.

American Folk Songs Rendered

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brought home from a dance and left her escort's tweed coat on her tombstone, could well grip the attention of a student spending 12 hours a week in the laboratory learning to "Prove all things."

Mr. Niles concluded his concert with the singing of a ballad "The Hangman" at the end of which the audience was relieved to see the heroine freed in the nick of time by her lover arriving with the ransom that her family denied her.

Journalists Plan Spree

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Christmas tree, and tagged to say whether it is intended for a girl or a boy. All those desiring to bring an amusing gift for any specific member of the staff, may do so provided they also bring one for the general pool.

In honor of the occasion the offices of The Daily and the Grill Room will be decorated in the Christmas spirit, and it has been rumored that an elusive piece of mistletoe has been discovered and will be used appropriately on the evening of the party.

Notices

Lost

A dark brown Waterman's pencil. Lost last Saturday. Finder please leave same at Janitor's office in Arts Building or contact Leon Kluger, DE. 1937.

Lost

SLIDE RULE. Log log duplex trig. in brown leather case, bearing the following: Identification; Victor Levy, engineering '44. . . . R.C.A.F. Also address. Will finder please contact Bill Levy in engineering building, or leave notice at Union Tuck Shop.

Lost

A bunch of keys. Please leave at Union Tuck Shop or with Mr. Marshall, Medical Building. Alfred Linkletter, Med. I.

Accommodation Available

Young lady student wishes to share small modern apartment on McTavish St. Phone LA. 4529 between 6 and 8 p.m.

WONDERFUL DDT—

The United States Army in Puerto Rico has launched an all-out attack on one of man's deadliest enemies, the malaria-carrying Anopheles mosquito. The new weapon is the war-born "wonder" insecticide, DDT.

Swampy breeding places of these pests are attacked by teams of workers with tanks of DDT, mixed with kerosene, strapped to their backs. Larger areas are sprayed by specially adapted training planes which loose the mixture from tanks fitted into available cockpit space.

In addition, similar measures are taken in native villages. Houses are individually treated by a two-man team with a portable spray outfit and can take care of from forty to fifty houses per day. Two men are required because one must stand by with a fire extinguisher in case the inflammable mixture may become ignited.

"You might say that DDT is still in the discussion stage," commented an engineer in the Army Sanitary Corps. Although it has received a tremendous build-up in recent months, experts are not quite sure of its effectiveness in wiping out the Anopheles mosquito. Only time and continued research can prove its actual worth. Nevertheless it may be hailed as an important advancement in the field of science. —AETHENEUM

In the course of being inducted into the Army, a boy was asked if he had ever belonged to any party that plotted the overthrow of the government. Astonished officials excitedly asked which party when the boy answered yes. Calmly replied the lad, "The Republican Party."

—PLAINSMAN

Air Raid Warden: "For incendiary bombs you should have two buckets of sand and a long handled shovel."

Neighbor: "But what if it happens to be a high explosive bomb?" Warden: "Then you won't need the sand."

THE JITTERBUGS

Any resemblance to William Wordsworth's "The Daffodils" is purely coincidental and insulting.

I wandered lonely as a ghost
Who's sick and tired of scaring mugs,
When all at once I saw a host
A bunch of daffy jitterbugs.
Beside the band, beneath the lights,
Prancing and 'dancing'; were they sights!

Continuous as a double bill
That never seems to come to end,
They did the room completely fill
And even every bend.
Ten hep-cats saw I at a glance
Tossing their torsos in ungainly dance.

The band beside them blared, but they
Outdid the band so loud;
A fool could not but be gay
In such an idiotic crowd.

I gazed — and gazed — but little guessed
How greatly they had my mind impressed.

For oft when I'm asleep at night,
And should be dreaming of Janet Blair,

I wake up suddenly in a fright—
The jitterbugs are dancing there!
And then my heart with disgust fills

And I swallow a couple of sleeping pills.

—Journal.

I DON'T

My parents told me not to smoke—I don't.
Or listen to a naughty joke—I don't.

They make it clear I must not look
At pretty girls or even think
About intoxicating drink—I don't.

To dance or flirt is very wrong—I don't.

Wild youths like women, wine and song—I don't.

I kiss no girls nor even one
I do not know how it is done.

You wouldn't think I have much fun—I don't.

—Journal.

I think that I shall never see
A "D" as lovely as a "B"—
A "B" whose rounded form is pressed

Upon the records of the blessed.
A "D" comes easily—and yet
It isn't easy to forget.

"D's" are made by fools like me,
But only God can make a "B".
—Notre Dame Scholastic.

I saw a lamb upon a tree
I looked at it, it looked at me
And all the day the lamb and I
Just stood and stared, I wonder why

I cannot tell nor can the lamb
But neither of us give a hoot.

—Silhouette

Wonder how a thin sweater on
a cute girl can keep a cold boy warm?

—PLAINSMAN

Her lips were kissproof, her cheeks were blushproof and her breath was 90 proof.

—PLAINSMAN

JANUARY, 1945 — C.W.S.P. SCHEDULE

COURSES OFFERED FOR SECOND TERM—The C.W.S.P. Office will be open for registration until December 15th and will re-open on January 8th—R.V.C., Room 8.

HOSPITAL SERVICE:

- (1) First Aid Classes—Monday afternoon; Monday night; and Wednesday afternoon.
- (2) Home Nursing Classes
- (3) Hospital Aides—Prerequisites: First Aid; Home Nursing. Times arranged individually.
- (4) Nutrition—Will be given only if a sufficient number sign up.
- (5) Lab Assistants—Same as last term.
- (6) Lab Technicians—Same as last term.

RED CROSS CORPS

- (1) Series of lectures for Basic Training—Military Law; History of R.C.C.; Lecture on insignia and Red Cross procedure; Commandants of Transport; V.A.D.; Office Administration; Food Administration.
- (2) Drill—Tuesdays 7-8.

SOCIAL SERVICE

- (1) Home Nursing
- (2) First Aid
- (3) Girl Guide Group Leadership Course*
- (4) Camp Counsellor
- (5) Community Welfare "B"—For those students only, who are interested in continuing with Social Work.

*Girl Guide Course is open to all, and no previous Girl Guide training is necessary.

HOURS NOT YET ARRANGED

McGill University Training Detachment

of the

Canadian Red Cross Corps

ORDERS

December 9th, 1944.

Part 1, Section 5.

PARADES.

The Detachment will parade in the Sir Arthur Currie Gymnasium on Tuesday, December 12th, 1944, at 1900 hours. Attendance will be taken on the hour.

Part 2, Section 4.

NOTICES.

1. All those girls interested in acting as ushers for the Red Cross Show in January will please speak to the Commandant after parade on Tuesday. Uniforms will be worn.
2. There will be a short NCO conference after parade, Tuesday, December 12th, 1944.
3. There will be no drill during the Christmas vacation. The times during which there will be no Red Cross activity will be announced shortly.
4. The attendance at drill has fallen off lately. It is to be remembered that drill is a necessary part of your Red Cross training, and without a certain number of hours at drill credited to you, you cannot qualify for your badge at the end of the basic training.

STELLA N. BLAIR,
Acting Commandant, C.R.C.C. 5, U.T.D.

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